GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1651
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2008
ALLOTMENT OF HAJ QUOTA
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of existing Haj tour operators including the names of private operators who were accorded licences during the last three years and the current year alongwith the criteria followed in this regard?

(b) whether the private Haj tour operators from Kerala and Maharashtra are given preference in terms of allotment quota; (

(c) If so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any complaints have been received against these tour operators regarding misuse of such quota; and

(e) If so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken against the such defaulting operators;

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) The number of Private Tour Operators(PTOs) who applied for registration and allotment of quota and the number of PTOs who were registered and allotted quota during the last three years (Haj 2006-I, Haj 2006-II and Haj 2007) and the current year (Haj 2008) are as follows :

Haj year	Total no. of PTOs applied	No.of PTOs registered/allotted quota
Haj 2006-I	314	278
Haj 2006-II	407	291
Haj 2007	672	293
Haj 2008	837	297

The lists of PTOs registered and allotted quota for the last three years and the current year are placed below at Annexure-A-I, II, III & IV. The allocation of quota has been made in a transparent manner to repeat PTOs (i.e. PTOs who had been given quota earlier) who fulfilled the prescribed rules, regulations and requirements for the welfare of Hajis and also had the recommendations of the Associations, if they belonged to one, based on their past performance.

(b) & (c) No.

(d) & (e) The details of complaints received against the PTOs for misuse of quota and action taken in the matter are attached at Annexure-B.

ANNEXURE −B REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (D) & (E) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1651 FOR ANSWER ON 10.12.2008 REGARDING 'ALLOTMENT OF HAJ QUOTA'

Complaints received regarding alleged misuse of Quota by PTOs

(i) M/s Zam Zam Tours and Travels, Mumbai A complaint against them alleging sale of quota by them was received. On enquiry, the allegation could not be substantiated. M/s Zam Zam Tours and Travels, Mumbai was allotted quota of 100 seats for Haj 2008.

(ii) M/s Ansar Tours and Travels, Pune : M/s Al-Hudha Haj Umrah Service of Kollam complained against M/s Ansar Tours, Pune

alleging sale of quota by them. The matter was investigated and the allegation was not substantiated. M/s Ansar Tours and Travels, Pune was allotted quota of 150 seats for Haj 2008.

(iii) M/s Meera International, Bangalore : The PTO was allotted 50 seats in 2007. A complaint against them has been received from M/s Al Fathah Haj Services (P) Ltd. alleging sale of quota by them. The matter is being looked into. M/s Meera International, Bangalore did not apply for quota in Haj 2008.